

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): John Boyland et al. Confirmation No. 8433
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 18, 2006 and the Advisory Action of April 3, 2007, the Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks. An RCE and a Petition and Fee for a one-month extension are enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.